

## OPINION 709

*DENDRASPIIS* FITZINGER, 1843 (REPTILIA): SUPPRESSED UNDER THE PLENARY POWERS

**RULING.**—(1) Under the plenary powers the generic name *Dendraspis* Fitzinger, 1843, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Law of Priority but not for those of the Law of Homonymy.

(2) The following generic names are hereby placed on the Official List of Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *Dendroaspis* Schlegel, 1848 (gender : feminine), type-species, by monotypy, *Elaps jamesonii* Traill, 1843 (Name No. 1598);

(b) *Ophiophagus* Günther, 1864 (gender : masculine), type-species, by monotypy, *Hamadryas elaps* Günther, 1858 (Name No. 1599).

(3) The following specific names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Numbers specified:

(a) *jamesonii* Traill, 1843, as published in the binomen *Elaps jamesonii* (type-species of *Dendroaspis* Schlegel, 1848) (Name No. 1989);

(b) *hannah* Cantor, 1836, as published in the binomen *Naja hannah* (Name No. 1990).

(4) The generic name *Dendraspis* Fitzinger, 1843 (as suppressed under the plenary powers in (1) above) is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Generic Names in Zoology with the Name Number 1702.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1500)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Professor Dr. Robert Mertens in August 1961. Professor Mertens' application was sent to the printer on 26 October 1961 and was published on 28 May 1962 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 189–190. Public Notice of the possible use of the plenary powers was given in the same part of the *Bulletin* as well as to the other prescribed serial publications (*Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **4** : 51–56) and to two herpetological serials. The proposals were supported by Professor Hobart M. Smith.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 24 October 1963 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (63)29 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **19** : 190. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 24 January 1964 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—twenty-nine (29), received in the following order: China, Hemming, Brinck, Hering, Holthuis, Vokes, Bonnet, Mayr, Tortonese, Hubbs, Riley, Boschma, Stoll, Lemche, Uchida, Simpson, Jaczewski, Borchsenius, Miller, do Amaral, Alvarado, Binder, Forest, Obruchev, Mertens, Kraus, Ride, Sabrosky, Evans.

Negative votes—none (0).

Voting Papers not returned—one (1): Munroe.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following are the original references for names placed on Official Lists and Indexes by the Ruling given in the present Opinion.

*Dendraspis* Fitzinger, 1843, *Syst. Rept.* : 28

*Dendroaspis* Schlegel, 1848, *Over Elas jamesonii* Traill etc., *Natura Artis Magistra* 1848 : 5

*hannah*, *Naja*, Cantor, 1836, *Asiat. Research* 19 (1) : 187

*jamesonii*, *Elaps*, Traill, 1843, *Edinb. new phil. J.* 34 (66) : 54

*Ophiophagus* Günther, 1864, *Rept. Brit. Ind.* : 340

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (63)29 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted under the plenary powers, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 709.

W. E. CHINA

*Acting Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

London

13 January 1964